

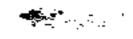
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Robert T. Bennett Chairman

Martha C. Moore Vice-Chairman

> Federal Election Commission 999 "E" Street NW Washington, DC 20463 Attn: Lucy J. Denny, Reports Analyst

March 29, 2000



RE: Ohio Republican State and Central Executive Committee July Quarterly Report (4/1/00-6/30/00)

Dear Ms. Denny:

This letter is in response to the Commission's request for additional information regarding the above referenced reporting period dated October 25, 2000. An itemization follows:

Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Clarify "Consulting Fees"

 On occasion we hire political professionals to advise us on courses of action. The disbursements you referred to were for advise on our minority outreach program.

Line 21 (a) (\*i and ii) The total is incorrect on the detailed summary page

Our report software program has a limit on the number of H-4 forms available. When I have exceeded that limit I must open another report in order to use additional H-4's. You will notice on page 26 of 26 for line 21u an entry bringing forward the H-4 totals for the next 5 H-4 forms. I must make this entry so that the Detailed Summary Page is correct. Therefore the Detailed Summary Page is correct as reported. I apologize for the confusion this causes but it is the parameters of the software program we utilize for our FEC report.

Please clarify all expenditures for "GOTV Activities"

 The only expenditure on this report I could find that you may be referring to was for a county fair sign which was more for encouraging individuals to get out and vote than in promoting or opposing any specific candidate. If a committee wishes to disclose contributions regardless of the amount contributed, the committee must separate on separate receipt schedules.

• Unfortunately our current software (ARISTOTLE CAMPAIGN MANAGER) has been very poor at producing our contribution report. We have tried working with this vendor but have found them to be totally incompetent. We did not intend to report under \$200 contributions and could not get them to properly fix their federal report in time for this report to be filled. We are looking at other software packages and hope to have another in place by the beginning of 2001. I would suggest that if you are contacted by state parties looking for a contributor database program that you would do well not to suggest such a poorly designed software product.

Due to the heavy volume right now of campaign activity and the need to prepare our next FEC report I respectively request additional time to respond to the other two requests in your letter. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please contact us.

Sincerely, Matthews

Terri Matthews

Controller

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